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In re application of:

PAUL M. McELFRESH, et al.

PATENT

Serial No.: 09/400,812

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For: HYDRAULIC FRACTURING FLUIDS
NON-IONIC SURFACTANT
GELLING AGENT



Group Art Unit: 1721

Examiner: P. Tucker

Docket No.: 304-15027-US

Date: August 2, 2000

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111 AND
SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §1.36

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 2, 2000, setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months in the above-cited case, please enter the following amendment.

In the Specification

On page 4, lines 4-5, please delete the phrase " , which should be understood as dipropylamine oxide since both R' groups are propyl". It was discovered that this portion of the description may be inadvertently inaccurate.

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In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- 1. (Twice Amended) A method for treating a subterranean formation comprising:
providing an aqueous viscoelastic treating fluid having:

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